Remarks

Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 8 to better distinguish his invention over the only cited reference, his previous patent, Mikulec U.S. Patent No. 4,979,572. Support for the amendment to Claim 1 can be found in Figure 1, which clearly shows a smaller diameter at one end to stop the spring. The stop 118 shown in the Mikulec patent is not part of a single piece body (Figure 3).

Support for the amendment to Claim 8 can be found in Paragraph 16, which states: "... another small hole 29 (Figure 3) is drilled for insertion of a stop (not shown) that prevents trigger 18 from being released during shipment." There is no aperture in the body shown in the Mikulec patent (Figure 2) for the insertion of a removable stop to prevent trigger 37 from being released during shipment

Claims 17 to 21 have been found to be allowable and Claims 4 and 7 have been found to be allowable if placed in independent form. Applicant believes that the instant amendment places the remaining claims in condition for allowance because the limitations added to Claims 1 and 8 are not shown in the Mikulec patent, nor would it be obvious to modify the Mikulec patent by adding these limitations. If the Examiner does not agree or believes that other changes in Claim 1 are needed to place the application in condition for allowance, he is invited to call Applicant's attorney at 716-774-0091.

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